

REMARKS

Reconsideration and allowance of this application are respectfully requested. Claims 13-14, 19-20 and 23-24 are cancelled. Claims 12, 15-18, 21-22 and 25-28 remain in this application and, as amended herein, are submitted for the Examiner's reconsideration.

In the Office Action, the Examiner rejected claims 12-13, 18-19, 22-23 and 26-28 under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) as being anticipated by Robinson (U.S. Patent No. 5,532,945). Claims 13, 19 and 23 have been cancelled. The Examiner also objected to claims 14-17, 20-21 and 24-25 as being dependent upon a rejected base claim but indicated that the claims would be allowable if rewritten in independent form. Claims 14, 20 and 24 have been cancelled.

Independent claim 12 has been amended to include the limitations previously set out in claim 13 and in allowable claim 14, independent claim 18 has been amended to include the limitations previously set out in claim 19 and in allowable claim 20, and independent claim 22 has been amended to include the limitations previously set out in claim 23 and in allowable claim 24. Therefore, each of claims 12, 18 and 22 are in condition for allowance.

Claim 26 depends from claim 12, claim 27 depends from claim 18, and claim 28 depends from claim 22. Therefore each of claims 26-28 is in condition for allowance at least for the same reasons.

Accordingly, the withdrawal of the rejection under 35 U.S.C. § 102 is respectfully requested.

Additionally, allowable claims 16 and 17 have been rewritten in independent form to include the limitations previously set out in claim 12, allowable claim 21 has been rewritten in independent form to include the limitations previously set out in claim 18, and allowable claim 25 has been

rewritten in independent form to include the limitations previously set out in claim 22. Therefore, claims 16, 17, 21 and 25 are also in condition for allowance.

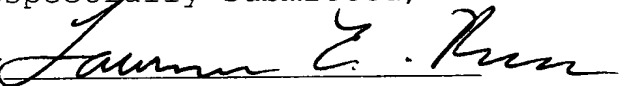
As it is believed that all of the rejections set forth in the Official Action have been fully met, favorable reconsideration and allowance are earnestly solicited. If, however, for any reason the Examiner does not believe that such action can be taken at this time, it is respectfully requested that the Examiner telephone applicant's attorney at (908) 654-5000 in order to overcome any additional objections which the Examiner might have.

If there are any additional charges in connection with this requested amendment, the Examiner is authorized to charge Deposit Account No. 12-1095 therefor.

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